

Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report

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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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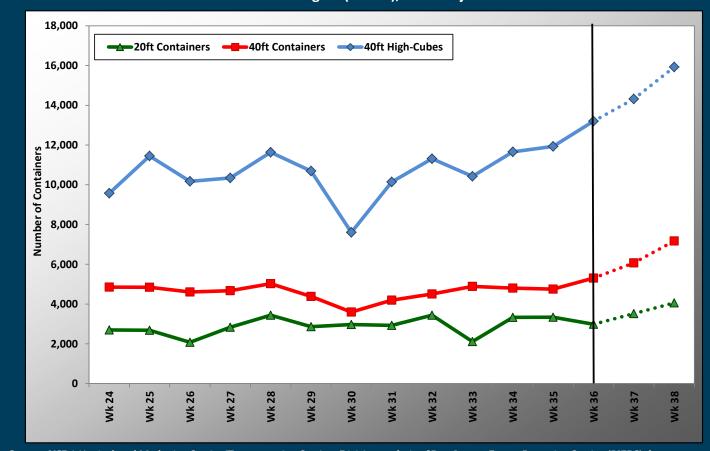
Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of Los Angeles/Long Beach

Between July and September of 2013, Los Angeles and Long Beach moved more than 2.9 million metric tons of containerized agricultural products, with animal feed accounting for more than 52 percent of the volume. Meat products and soybeans followed at 6 percent each and grocery items, hides and skins, and dairy products represented 4 percent each. During this period, more than 60 percent of these agricultural exports were moved in 40ft containers. Agricultural exporters used ocean carriers Mediterranean Shipping Company (MSC) and OOCL to move 11 percent each of these products, followed by COSCO at 9 percent and APL and Maersk Line at 8 percent each.¹

As the largest container port complex in the country, Los Angeles and Long Beach consistently have the most containers available of any reported OSCAR location. Over the past 3 months, weekly availability estimates have ranged from 14,000 to 20,000 dry containers. Importers and exporters have worked diligently to get cargo into or out of the United States since the beginning of the year in preparation for the fall peak season and to avoid a potential disruption due to the West Coast Longshore Labor contract currently under ongoing negotiation. Import retailers in particular have moved cargo into the United States early, undertaking extra inventory costs, and used alternative port regions (Canadian and East Coast ports) to avoid potential disruption on the West Coast, and have transitioned some cargo to air transportation despite the higher cost over ocean transportation. Over the past several weeks, container availability estimates for dry containers in Los Angeles/Long Beach have been relatively flat with some peaks and valleys, particularly for 40ft high-cube containers. Estimates for 40ft high-cube containers have been on an upward trend over the past 3 weeks, even reaching a record level last week at more than 13,000 units. Carriers are anticipating estimates to increase over the next 2 weeks for each of the dry container types, particularly 40ft high-cube containers.

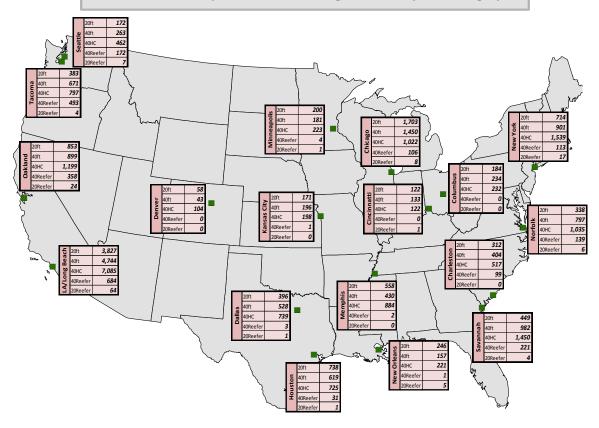
Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Los Angeles/Long Beach, 2nd week of June (Wk 24) through 4th week of August (Wk 36), with Projections



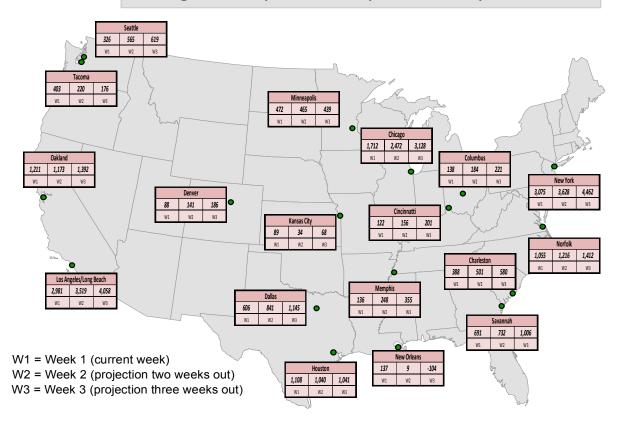
Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data



Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

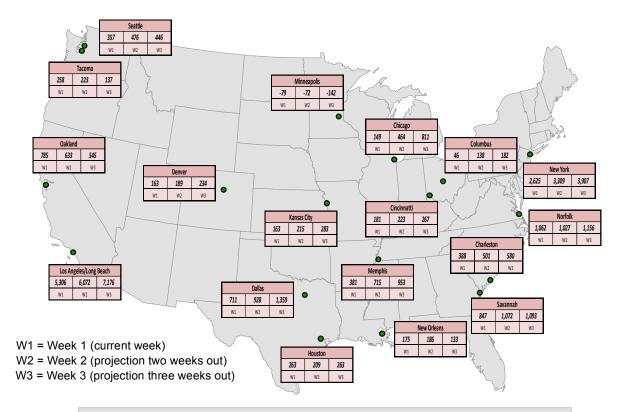


Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers

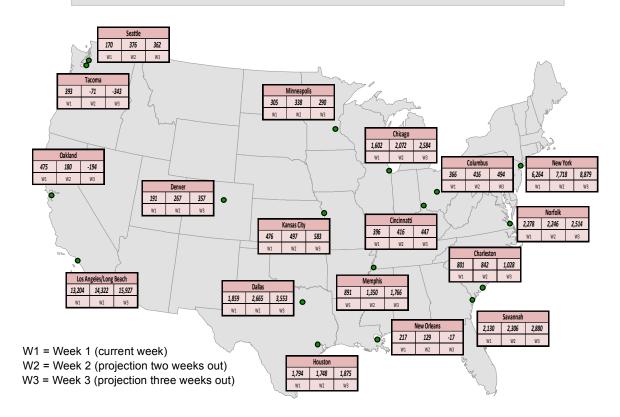




Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

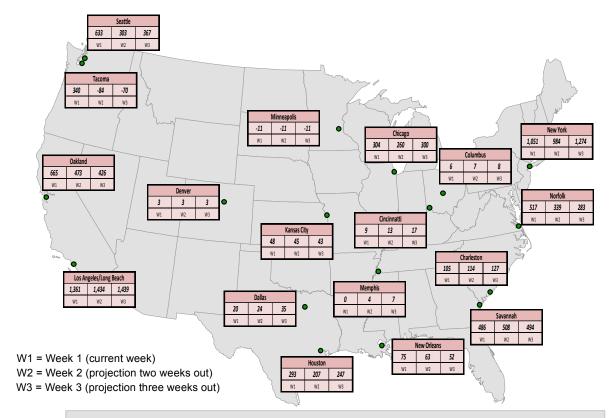


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

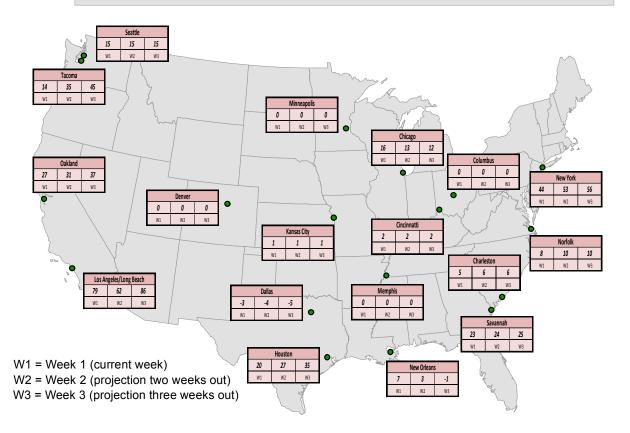




Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





	·		Ch	arlest	ton			•	•	•	•
				20ft Dry	1						
		Carrier Availability Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	83	82	69	58	52	44	•				388
Week 2: Sep 10-16	83	142	65	71	80	60					501
Week 3: Sep 17-23	83	181	65	90	109	52					580
				40ft Dry	1						
Carrier Availability Responses											Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	144	124	88	85	55	37					533
Week 2: Sep 10-16	144	182	67	91	65	-4					545
Week 3: Sep 17-23	144	230	70	101	65	-9					601
	·		40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Sep 3-9	276	134	115	106	92	78				Ι.	801
Week 2: Sep 10-16	276	130	150	89	98	99					842
Week 3: Sep 17-23	276	199	150	90	140	173					1,028
	<u>, </u>		40f1	Refrige	ated			•			
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	101	20	12	5	4	-37					105
Week 2: Sep 10-16	107	29	8	5	0	-35					114
Week 3: Sep 17-23	112	38	9	5	0	-37					127
			20ft	Refrige	ated			,			
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	5	0									5
Week 2: Sep 10-16	6	0									6
Week 3: Sep 17-23	6	0									6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month	Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly												
Throughput													
June 2012-November 2012													
Container Types	Container Types Average Total Range of Individual												
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses											
20ft	312	0108											
40ft	404	0200											
40ft High Cubes	517	17200											
40ft Refrigerated	99	060											
20ft Refrigerated	0	00											

^{*}Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month time frame



		•	(Chicag	0	•	•	•	•	•	•
				20ft Dry	1						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	960	320	157	134	121	20					1,712
Week 2: Sep 10-16	1,389	428	300	134	211	10					2,472
Week 3: Sep 17-23	1,779	591	300	134	316	8					3,128
				40ft Dry	•						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	237	229	114	110	-11	-530					149
Week 2: Sep 10-16	411	234	219	100	30	-530					464
Week 3: Sep 17-23	539	354	314	100	34	-530					811
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	500	451	308	288	87	-32				,	1,602
Week 2: Sep 10-16	500	500	546	375	100	51					2,072
Week 3: Sep 17-23	500	587	774	579	100	44					2,584
	·		40ft	Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	217	44	43	0	0					,	304
Week 2: Sep 10-16	209	10	41	0	0						260
Week 3: Sep 17-23	247	10	43	0	0						300
			20ft	Refriger	ated						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	10	6						•			16
Week 2: Sep 10-16	9	4				•	•				13
Week 3: Sep 17-23	10	2									12

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Six-Month	Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly												
Throughput													
June 2012-November 2012													
Container Types	Container Types Average Total Range of Individual												
Container Types	ontainer Types Weekly Throughput* Carrier Response												
20ft	1,703	93600											
40ft	1,450	5302											
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34405											
40ft Refrigerated	106	051											
20ft Refrigerated	8	04											

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		•	Ci	ncinna	atti	٠	•	•			
				20ft Dry	1						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	63	44	35	4	-4	-20					122
Week 2: Sep 10-16	80	14	35	16	5	6					156
Week 3: Sep 17-23	94	14	35	31	3	24					201
				40ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	70	43	32	22	12	2					181
Week 2: Sep 10-16	70	53	46	33	18	3					223
Week 3: Sep 17-23	70	61	65	55	18	-2				•	267
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	322	59	15	6	-2	-4			,		396
Week 2: Sep 10-16	322	66	19	8	0	1					416
Week 3: Sep 17-23	322	83	24	9	11	-2					447
			40f1	t Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	9	0	0					1.			9
Week 2: Sep 10-16	13	0	0								13
Week 3: Sep 17-23	17	0	0								17
			20ft	t Refrige	rated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9	2										2
Week 2: Sep 10-16	2										2
Week 3: Sep 17-23	2										2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012 **Average Total** Range of Individual **Container Types** Weekly Throughput* **Carrier Responses** 20ft 122 7...35 40ft 8...30 133 **40ft High Cubes** 122 11...35 **40ft Refrigerated** 0 0...0 **20ft Refrigerated** 0...1 1

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		•	Co	olumb	us	•					
				20ft Dry	<i>'</i>						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	48	47	25	19	1	-2					138
Week 2: Sep 10-16	64	61	25	26	11	-3					184
Week 3: Sep 17-23	78	86	25	26	11	-5					221
				40ft Dry	<i>'</i>						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	38	28	26	2	-18	-30	,		•		46
Week 2: Sep 10-16	38	14	52	37	4	-7					138
Week 3: Sep 17-23	38	14	74	48	2	6					182
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	188	77	61	17	14	9					366
Week 2: Sep 10-16	188	126	50	43	6	3					416
Week 3: Sep 17-23	188	149	50	71	33	3					494
			40f1	t Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	6	0									6
Week 2: Sep 10-16	7	0									7
Week 3: Sep 17-23	8	0									8
			20ft	t Refrige	rated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9											0
Week 2: Sep 10-16											0
Week 3: Sep 17-23											0

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Six-Month	Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly												
Throughput													
June 2012-November 2012													
Container Types	Container Types Average Total Range of Individual												
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses											
20ft	184	860											
40ft	234	680											
40ft High Cubes	232	1560											
40ft Refrigerated	0	00											
20ft Refrigerated	0	00											

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	·	•	•	Dallas	5	•	•	•	•	•	
				20ft Dry							
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	234	143	83	73	47	26					606
Week 2: Sep 10-16	424	158	126	76	47	10					841
Week 3: Sep 17-23	612	230	174	72	47	10					1,145
				40ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	363	133	96	73	48	-2					711
Week 2: Sep 10-16	302	328	153	97	48	0					928
Week 3: Sep 17-23	310	531	247	223	48	0					1,359
			40	ft High C	ube						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9	543	535	349	260	168	4				Ι.	1,859
Week 2: Sep 10-16	491	789	556	661	168	0					2,665
Week 3: Sep 17-23	485	992	827	1,081	168	0					3,553
			40ft	Refriger	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	20	0						Ι.	Ι.	Ι.	20
Week 2: Sep 10-16	24	0									24
Week 3: Sep 17-23	35	0									35
			20ft	Refriger	ated	ı				<u> </u>	
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9	-3										-3
Week 2: Sep 10-16	-4	•									-4
Week 3: Sep 17-23	-5										-5

Six-Month	Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput												
June 2012-November 2012												
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual										
Container Types	Weekly Throughput* Carrier Response											
20ft	396	5150										
40ft	528	12250										
40ft High Cubes	739	22250										
40ft Refrigerated	3	03										
20ft Refrigerated	1	01										

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				Denve	r						
				20ft Dry	1						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	72	16	11	8	-3	-16					88
Week 2: Sep 10-16	100	17	17	8	-1	0					141
Week 3: Sep 17-23	131	24	23	8	0	0					186
				40ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	79	36	20	17	10	1					163
Week 2: Sep 10-16	103	36	21	20	8	1					189
Week 3: Sep 17-23	129	36	36	22	8	3					234
			40	ft High C	ube					•	
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	105	51	14	12	8	1					191
Week 2: Sep 10-16	134	74	21	20	8	10					267
Week 3: Sep 17-23	161	138	21	19	8	10					357
	,		40f1	t Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	2	1	0								3
Week 2: Sep 10-16	2	1	0								3
Week 3: Sep 17-23	2	1	0								3
	•		20f1	t Refrige	ated	•	•	•	•	•	
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9											0
Week 2: Sep 10-16											0
Week 3: Sep 17-23											0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012 Average Total Range of Individual											
Container Types	Weekly Throughput* Carrier Responses										
20ft	58	317									
40ft	43	110									
40ft High Cubes	104	150									
40ft Refrigerated	0	00									
20ft Refrigerated	0	00									

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			H	lousto	n						
				20ft Dry	1						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	505	324	135	98	26	20					1,108
Week 2: Sep 10-16	542	324	100	65	-8	17					1,040
Week 3: Sep 17-23	559	324	100	93	-51	16					1,041
				40ft Dry	'						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	164	81	68	59	-41	-68					263
Week 2: Sep 10-16	208	72	80	29	-112	-68					209
Week 3: Sep 17-23	274	116	100	33	-192	-68					263
			40	ft High C	ube					•	
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9	846	363	341	157	67	20					1,794
Week 2: Sep 10-16	846	250	340	219	59	34					1,748
Week 3: Sep 17-23	846	250	371	297	84	27					1,875
			40ft	Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	129	93	69	2	0						293
Week 2: Sep 10-16	8	107	90	2	0						207
Week 3: Sep 17-23	8	121	116	2	0						247
	·		20ft	Refrige	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9	18	2	0								20
Week 2: Sep 10-16	23	4	0								27
Week 3: Sep 17-23	28	7	0								35

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly												
	Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012												
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual										
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses										
20ft	738	50316										
40ft	619	50126										
40ft High Cubes	725	26355										
40ft Refrigerated	31	012										
20ft Refrigerated	1	01										

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			Ka	nsas (City						
				20ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	66	41	25	1	-18	-26					89
Week 2: Sep 10-16	35	46	25	0	-58	-14					34
Week 3: Sep 17-23	35	53	25	1	-47	1					68
				40ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	81	56	21	12	3	-10					163
Week 2: Sep 10-16	115	56	26	17	1	0					215
Week 3: Sep 17-23	137	56	36	22	2	30					283
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	384	74	52	13	0	-47					476
Week 2: Sep 10-16	384	76	63	0	1	-27					497
Week 3: Sep 17-23	384	125	63	30	0	-19					583
			40ft	Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	37	11	0			Ι.			l .		48
Week 2: Sep 10-16	32	13	0								45
Week 3: Sep 17-23	28	15	0								43
			20ft	Refrige	ated	•					
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	1										1
Week 2: Sep 10-16	1										1
Week 3: Sep 17-23	1										1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individua									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	171	760									
40ft	196	975									
40ft High Cubes	198	1459									
40ft Refrigerated	1	01									
20ft Refrigerated	0	00									

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	•	Los A	ngele	s and	Long	Beach			•	•	
				20ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	781	638	477	450	411	224					2,981
Week 2: Sep 10-16	856	638	450	579	649	347					3,519
Week 3: Sep 17-23	760	638	450	802	863	545					4,058
				40ft Dry	'						
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	1,424	1,060	982	836	791	213					5,306
Week 2: Sep 10-16	1,905	1,060	800	816	1,063	428					6,072
Week 3: Sep 17-23	2,396	1,060	800	800	1,513	607					7,176
			40	ft High C	ube						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9	6,586	2,100	1,999	1,866	777	-124					13,204
Week 2: Sep 10-16	6,586	1,800	2,983	1,997	931	25					14,322
Week 3: Sep 17-23	6,586	1,800	4,224	1,825	1,082	410					15,927
			40ft	Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	387	355	322	135	87	75				Ι.	1,361
Week 2: Sep 10-16	367	409	300	196	87	75					1,434
Week 3: Sep 17-23	412	452	300	116	84	75					1,439
			20ft	Refriger	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9	71	10	-2								79
Week 2: Sep 10-16	56	10	-4			•					62
Week 3: Sep 17-23	69	10	7		•	•					86

Six-Month	Snapshot of Aver	age Weekly									
Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individua									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	3,827	462500									
40ft	4,744	833000									
40ft High Cubes	7,085	2033300									
40ft Refrigerated	684	21300									
20ft Refrigerated	64	150									

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	-		N	lempl	 nis						
				20ft Dry							
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	93	38	21	18	-8	-26					136
Week 2: Sep 10-16	102	75	21	44	3	3					248
Week 3: Sep 17-23	138	103	21	44	2	47					355
				40ft Dry	•						1
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	192	106	58	32	2	-9					381
Week 2: Sep 10-16	340	161	150	32	-1	33					715
Week 3: Sep 17-23	477	228	150	32	-1	67					953
	1		40	ft High C	ube	I.			1	1	•
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	391	218	153	88	37	4					891
Week 2: Sep 10-16	619	218	257	154	100	2					1,350
Week 3: Sep 17-23	806	218	392	249	100	1					1,766
	•		40ft	Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	1	0	-1						Ι.		0
Week 2: Sep 10-16	5	0	-1								4
Week 3: Sep 17-23	8	0	-1			•					7
			20ft	Refrige	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9											0
Week 2: Sep 10-16											0
Week 3: Sep 17-23											0

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
Throughput										
June 2012-November 2012										
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual								
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses								
20ft	558	11300								
40ft	430	11200								
40ft High Cubes	884	9600								
40ft Refrigerated	2	02								

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20ft Refrigerated



		•	Mi	nneap	olis	•	•	•	•	•	
				20ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	313	70	62	53	-7	-19					472
Week 2: Sep 10-16	312	65	60	53	2	-27					465
Week 3: Sep 17-23	313	49	50	53	5	-31					439
	-			40ft Dry	1						
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	86	26	-7	-24	-32	-128		,			-79
Week 2: Sep 10-16	119	20	12	-24	-25	-174					-72
Week 3: Sep 17-23	96	30	9	-24	-35	-218					-142
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	284	80	20	-23	-26	-30		<u> </u>			305
Week 2: Sep 10-16	284	135	30	-64	-6	-41					338
Week 3: Sep 17-23	284	138	40	-107	-10	-55					290
			40f1	t Refriger	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	0	-11									-11
Week 2: Sep 10-16	0	-11									-11
Week 3: Sep 17-23	0	-11									-11
			20ft	t Refriger	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9											0
Week 2: Sep 10-16		•	•							•	0
Week 3: Sep 17-23											0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month	Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
	Throughput										
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	200	3102									
40ft	181	180									
40ft High Cubes	223	2144									
40ft Refrigerated	4	04									
20ft Refrigerated	1	01									

^{*}Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



			Nev	w Orle	eans	•		•	•	•	
				20ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	47	34	24	17	14	1					137
Week 2: Sep 10-16	-53	14	24	12	12	0					9
Week 3: Sep 17-23	-163	11	24	12	12	0					-104
				40ft Dry	1						•
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	108	66	6	2	0	-7					175
Week 2: Sep 10-16	96	68	30	2	-1	-9					186
Week 3: Sep 17-23	46	64	30	2	0	-9					133
			40	ft High C	ube						
		Carrier Availability Category Responses									
Current Week: Sep 3-9	72	64	41	39	1	0					217
Week 2: Sep 10-16	-1	64	40	25	1	0					129
Week 3: Sep 17-23	-137	64	34	25	-1	-2					-17
			40ft	Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	77	0	-2								75
Week 2: Sep 10-16	70	0	-7								63
Week 3: Sep 17-23	64	0	-12								52
			20f1	Refrige	rated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9	6	1									7
Week 2: Sep 10-16	6	-3									3
Week 3: Sep 17-23	6	-7									-1

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly											
Throughput											
June 2012-November 2012											
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual									
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses									
20ft	246	5158									
40ft	157	580									
40ft High Cubes	221	5139									
40ft Refrigerated	1	01									
20ft Refrigerated	5	05									

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		•	N	ew Yo	rk			•	•		
				20ft Dry	•						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	881	662	524	504	263	241					3,075
Week 2: Sep 10-16	1,304	500	524	678	377	245					3,628
Week 3: Sep 17-23	1,707	500	524	895	605	231					4,462
				40ft Dry							
Carrier Availability Category Responses											Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	590	563	529	425	379	139					2,625
Week 2: Sep 10-16	590	637	830	500	478	274					3,309
Week 3: Sep 17-23	590	933	1,120	500	534	230					3,907
	•		40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	2,912	1,255	1,056	491	362	188					6,264
Week 2: Sep 10-16	2,912	1,487	1,439	900	380	600					7,718
Week 3: Sep 17-23	2,912	2,023	1,795	1,257	392	500	•				8,879
			40f1	Refriger	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	350	316	183	140	52	10					1,051
Week 2: Sep 10-16	50	399	256	181	88	10	•				984
Week 3: Sep 17-23	50	573	345	203	93	10					1,274
			20ft	Refriger	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total	
Current Week: Sep 3-9	33	6	5			•					44
Week 2: Sep 10-16	42	6	5		10		•				53
Week 3: Sep 17-23	47	4	5								56

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput

June 2012-November 2012

Container Tunes	Average Total	Range of Individual			
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses			
20ft	714	3150			
40ft	901	56250			
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87400			
40ft Refrigerated	113	036			
20ft Refrigerated	17	010			

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				Vorfo	k						
				20ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	379	372	186	57	38	23					1,055
Week 2: Sep 10-16	399	411	208	57	128	13					1,216
Week 3: Sep 17-23	399	483	239	57	221	13					1,412
				40ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	521	206	148	125	86	-24					1,062
Week 2: Sep 10-16	536	145	148	75	136	-13					1,027
Week 3: Sep 17-23	589	145	148	125	167	-18					1,156
40ft High Cube									•		
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	596	554	478	443	139	68					2,278
Week 2: Sep 10-16	400	554	529	531	201	31					2,246
Week 3: Sep 17-23	400	554	646	614	256	44					2,514
			40ft	Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respons	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	164	139	138	56	10	10				Ι.	517
Week 2: Sep 10-16	145	93	30	63	-2	10					339
Week 3: Sep 17-23	132	54	30	63	-6	10					283
	<u> </u>		20ft	Refrige	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Sep 3-9	5	2	1								8
Week 2: Sep 10-16	5	4	1								10
Week 3: Sep 17-23	5	4	1								10

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012

Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual				
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses				
20ft	338	1175				
40ft	797	8200				
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74300				
40ft Refrigerated	139	058				
20ft Refrigerated	6	05				

^{*}Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



	·		(Daklar	nd	•	•	•	•	•	•
				20ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability	Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	406	297	173	136	104	95					1,211
Week 2: Sep 10-16	498	200	177	74	104	120					1,173
Week 3: Sep 17-23	698	200	165	58	104	167					1,392
				40ft Dry	•						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	352	209	104	89	56	-25					785
Week 2: Sep 10-16	156	200	117	122	56	-18					633
Week 3: Sep 17-23	49	200	100	176	56	-36					545
	·		40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	183	167	150	12	-13	-24					475
Week 2: Sep 10-16	207	103	150	-427	147	0					180
Week 3: Sep 17-23	187	20	150	-687	136	0					-194
			40ft	t Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	352	164	135	30	30	-46					665
Week 2: Sep 10-16	412	93	0	17	30	-79					473
Week 3: Sep 17-23	362	73	0	40	30	-79					426
			20ft	t Refrige	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Sep 3-9	14	10	3								27
Week 2: Sep 10-16	20	10	1								31
Week 3: Sep 17-23	26	10	1								37

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly									
	Throughput								
J	une 2012-November 20)12							
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual							
Container Types	ontainer Types Weekly Throughput* Carrier Response								
20ft	853	26250							
40ft	899	14300							
40ft High Cubes	40ft High Cubes 1,199 34400								
40ft Refrigerated	40ft Refrigerated 358 26120								
20ft Refrigerated	24	08							

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			Sa	avann	ah	•	-	•	-		•
				20ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	356	356 110 88 55 54 28								691	
Week 2: Sep 10-16	300	119	88	86	58	81					732
Week 3: Sep 17-23	300	168	88	235	52	163					1,006
	-			40ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	357	356	261	89	-87	-129					847
Week 2: Sep 10-16	366	356	400	157	-38	-169					1,072
Week 3: Sep 17-23	369	356	300	337	-40	-229					1,093
			40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	784	539	318	201	198	90					2,130
Week 2: Sep 10-16	784	758	350	242	102	70					2,306
Week 3: Sep 17-23	784	1,070	400	253	110	263					2,880
			40ft	t Refrige	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	193	172	116	10	4	-9					486
Week 2: Sep 10-16	194	158	150	10	2	-6					508
Week 3: Sep 17-23	207	150	150	10	-20	-3					494
			20ft	Refrige	ated	•					
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Sep 3-9	15	7	1								23
Week 2: Sep 10-16	17	6	1								24
Week 3: Sep 17-23	19	5	1								25

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
	Throughput									
Ji	une 2012-November 20	012								
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual								
Container Types	Weekly Throughput*	Carrier Responses								
20ft	449	0150								
40ft	982	0409								
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21385								
40ft Refrigerated	40ft Refrigerated 221 080									
20ft Refrigerated	4	02								

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				Seattle	e	-					
				20ft Dry							
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	221	221 193 15 -103								326	
Week 2: Sep 10-16	384	193	-12	0							565
Week 3: Sep 17-23	451	193	-25	0							619
				40ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	211	92	47	7							357
Week 2: Sep 10-16	413	92	0	-29							476
Week 3: Sep 17-23	413	92	0	-59							446
			40	ft High C	ube						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	200	103	24	-157							170
Week 2: Sep 10-16	200	263	-87	0							376
Week 3: Sep 17-23	200	320	-158	0							362
	·		40ft	t Refriger	ated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	404	199	20	10							633
Week 2: Sep 10-16	100	166	20	17							303
Week 3: Sep 17-23	100	228	20	19							367
			20f1	t Refriger	ated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Sep 3-9	14	1									15
Week 2: Sep 10-16	14	1									15
Week 3: Sep 17-23	14	1									15

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly										
	Throughput									
J	une 2012-November 20	012								
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual								
Container Types	Container Types Weekly Throughput* Carrier Responses									
20ft	172	2970								
40ft	263	791								
40ft High Cubes	40ft High Cubes 462 104148									
40ft Refrigerated	40ft Refrigerated 172 0122									
20ft Refrigerated	7	05								

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	•		1	Tacom	ia	•	•	•	•		
				20ft Dry	I						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	153	126	103	11	10						403
Week 2: Sep 10-16	131	73	50	-44	10						220
Week 3: Sep 17-23	140	17	50	-41	10						176
				40ft Dry	1						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	361	1	-10	-19	-75						258
Week 2: Sep 10-16	275	1	50	-14	-89						223
Week 3: Sep 17-23	213	1	50	-20	-107						137
40ft High Cube											
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	508	20	-14	-49	-72						393
Week 2: Sep 10-16	212	20	-160	0	-143						-71
Week 3: Sep 17-23	130	20	-150	0	-343						-343
			40ft	t Refrige	rated						
			Ca	rrier Ava	ilability (Category	Respon	ses			Total
Current Week: Sep 3-9	202	123	77	5	-67			1.	Ι.		340
Week 2: Sep 10-16	141	28	80	5	-338						-84
Week 3: Sep 17-23	134	-99	80	5	-190						-70
			20ft	t Refrige	rated						
Carrier Availability Category Responses							Total				
Current Week: Sep 3-9	13	1									14
Week 2: Sep 10-16	34	1									35
Week 3: Sep 17-23	44	1									45

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly									
	Throughput								
J	une 2012-November 20	012							
Container Types	Average Total	Range of Individual							
Container Types	Container Types Weekly Throughput* Carrier Responses								
20ft	383	1300							
40ft	671	15500							
40ft High Cubes	797	76600							
40ft Refrigerated	493 0203								
20ft Refrigerated	4	04							

^{*}Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
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- Terminology:

20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.

40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.

40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).

40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.

20ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 20 feet long.

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